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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 3650

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 3650 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Eliminate the Digital Divide Law is amended
5 by changing Sections 5-30 and 5-45 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 780/5-30)

7 Sec. 5-30. Community Technology Center Grant Program.

8 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall
9 administer the Community Technology Center Grant Program under
10 which the Department shall make grants in accordance with this
11 Article for planning, establishment, administration, and
12 expansion of Community Technology Centers and for assisting
13 public hospitals, libraries, and park districts in eliminating
14 the digital divide. The purposes of the grants shall include,
15 but not be limited to, volunteer recruitment and management,
16 training and instruction, infrastructure, and related goods
17 and services, including case management, administration,
18 personal information management, and outcome-tracking tools
19 and software for the purposes of reporting to the Department
20 and for enabling participation in digital government and
21 consumer services programs, for Community Technology Centers
22 and public hospitals, libraries, and park districts. ~~The total~~
23 ~~amount of grants under this Section in fiscal year 2001 shall~~
24 ~~not exceed \$2,000,000, except that this limit on grants shall~~

1 ~~not apply to grants funded by appropriations from the Digital~~
2 ~~Divide Elimination Fund.~~ No Community Technology Center may
3 receive a grant of more than \$75,000 ~~\$50,000~~ under this Section
4 in a particular fiscal year.

5 (b) Public hospitals, libraries, park districts, and State
6 educational agencies, local educational agencies, institutions
7 of higher education, and other public and private nonprofit or
8 for-profit agencies and organizations are eligible to receive
9 grants under this Program, provided that a local educational
10 agency or public or private educational agency or organization
11 must, in order to be eligible to receive grants under this
12 Program, provide computer access and educational services
13 using information technology to the public at one or more of
14 its educational buildings or facilities at least 12 hours each
15 week. A group of eligible entities is also eligible to receive
16 a grant if the group follows the procedures for group
17 applications in 34 CFR 75.127-129 of the Education Department
18 General Administrative Regulations.

19 To be eligible to apply for a grant, a Community Technology
20 Center, public hospital, library, or park district must serve a
21 community in which not less than 40% of the students are
22 eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the national
23 school lunch program or in which not less than 30% of the
24 students are eligible for a free lunch under the national
25 school lunch program; however, if funding is insufficient to
26 approve all grant applications for a particular fiscal year,
27 the Department may impose a higher minimum percentage threshold
28 for that fiscal year. Determinations of communities and
29 determinations of the percentage of students in a community who
30 are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the
31 national school lunch program shall be in accordance with rules
32 adopted by the Department.

33 Any entities that have received a Community Technology
34 Center grant under the federal Community Technology Centers

1 Program are also eligible to apply for grants under this
2 Program.

3 The Department shall provide assistance to Community
4 Technology Centers in making those determinations for purposes
5 of applying for grants.

6 (c) Grant applications shall be submitted to the Department
7 on a schedule of one or more deadlines established by the
8 Department by rule not later than March 15 for the next fiscal
9 year.

10 (d) The Department shall adopt rules setting forth the
11 required form and contents of grant applications.

12 (e) There is created the Digital Divide Elimination
13 Advisory Committee. The advisory committee shall consist of 7 ~~5~~
14 members appointed one each by the Governor, the President of
15 the Senate, the Senate Minority Leader, the Speaker of the
16 House, and the House Minority Leader, and 2 appointed by the
17 Director of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, one of whom
18 shall be a representative of the telecommunications industry
19 and one of whom shall represent community technology centers.

20 The members of the advisory committee shall receive no
21 compensation for their services as members of the advisory
22 committee but may be reimbursed for their actual expenses
23 incurred in serving on the advisory committee. The Digital
24 Divide Elimination Advisory Committee shall advise the
25 Department in establishing criteria and priorities for
26 identifying recipients of grants under this Act. The advisory
27 committee shall obtain advice from the technology industry
28 regarding current technological standards. The advisory
29 committee shall seek any available federal funding.

30 (f) There is created the Digital Divide Elimination Working
31 Group. The Working Group shall consist of the Director of
32 Commerce and Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, the
33 Director of Central Management Services, or his or her
34 designee, and the Executive Director of the Illinois Commerce

1 Commission, or his or her designee. The Director of Commerce
2 and Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee, shall serve
3 as chair of the Working Group. The Working Group shall consult
4 with the members of the Digital Divide Elimination Advisory
5 Committee and may consult with various groups including, but
6 not limited to, telecommunications providers,
7 telecommunications-related technology producers and service
8 providers, community technology providers, community and
9 consumer organizations, businesses and business organizations,
10 and federal government agencies.

11 (g) Duties of the Digital Divide Elimination Working Group
12 include all of the following:

13 (1) Undertaking a thorough review of grant programs
14 available through the federal government, local agencies,
15 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable
16 entities for the purpose of identifying appropriate
17 sources of revenues for the Digital Divide Elimination Fund
18 and attempting to update available grants on a regular
19 basis.

20 (2) Researching and cataloging programs designed to
21 advance digital literacy and computer access that are
22 available through the federal government, local agencies,
23 telecommunications providers, and business and charitable
24 entities and attempting to update available programs on a
25 regular basis.

26 (3) Presenting the information compiled from items (1)
27 and (2) to the Department of Commerce and Economic
28 Opportunity, which shall serve as a single point of contact
29 for applying for funding for the Digital Divide Elimination
30 Fund and for distributing information to the public
31 regarding all programs designed to advance digital
32 literacy and computer access.

33 (Source: P.A. 91-704, eff. 7-1-00; 92-22, eff. 6-30-01.)

1 (30 ILCS 780/5-45)

2 Sec. 5-45. Statewide Community Technology Center Network.

3 (a) Subject to appropriation, the Department shall expend
4 not more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2001 to establish and
5 administer a Statewide Community Technology Center Network to
6 assist in local and regional planning under this Article.

7 (b) Subject to appropriation, the Department may expend not
8 more than \$100,000 in fiscal year 2006 and each fiscal year
9 thereafter to establish and administer a Statewide Community
10 Technology Center Network to assist in local and regional
11 planning and revenue development and outreach under this
12 Article.

13 (Source: P.A. 91-704, eff. 7-1-00.)

14 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
15 becoming law."